



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager to execute a contract with Studio Pali Fekete Architects in an amount not to exceed \$767,391, for architectural and engineering design services for the Seaside Way Pedestrian Bridge Project between the Convention Center and Performing Arts Center (Project); and any amendments necessary to extend the term, amend the scope of work, or adjust the fee schedule of hourly rates for inflation in the extended term. (District 2)

There is currently limited pedestrian connectivity between the main Convention Center facility, Performing Arts Center, and the Sports Arena (Exhibit A: Location Map). Convention Center patrons, tourists, and residents often find navigating the Convention Center complex challenging.

A continuous east/west pedestrian promenade and walkway, above and along Seaside Way, has long been planned for as outlined in the Local Coastal Program, to promote the necessary pedestrian interaction and viewing of the coastal areas. The proposed project will provide an estimated 1,800,000 annual visitors with a more direct route between the main Convention Center facility and Performing Arts Center and Plaza.

The new pedestrian bridge will also be designed to serve as an iconic landmark within the Convention Center and Downtown area. The Project intends to create an attractive and functional space that includes landscaped areas to help create a more pedestrian friendly environment.

On February 7, 2012, the City Council authorized staff to proceed with the Project to improve the pedestrian connection. The State Lands Commission subsequently approved the Project on May 24, 2012.

The Department of Public Works, in conjunction with the Purchasing Division, issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) PW13-010 for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Preparation of Design and Construction Documents on November 14, 2012. RFP notifications were circulated to 2,023 registered vendors and five proposals were received. A selection committee comprised of representatives from the Convention Center and City staff selected three consultants for interviews, after which Studio Pali Fekete Architects, of Culver City, CA, was selected for their responsiveness to the RFP design requirements, their qualifications, and their team's demonstrated engineering expertise and experience with bridge design.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Vu and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on February 13, 2013.

City Council approval of this item is requested on March 19, 2013 to meet project schedules and timelines.

Sufficient appropriations to support the contract are budgeted in the City Manager Department (CM) in the Tidelands Operations Fund (TF 401) funded by Tidelands and oil revenue. Approval of this

recommendation will provide continued support to the local economy.

Approve recommendation.

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APPROVED:

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